

REMARKS

In paragraph 2 of the final Action, claims 1, 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Abe. However, in paragraph 3 of the final Action, claims 6, 8, 10, 13 and 14 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated allowable if rewritten in independent form.

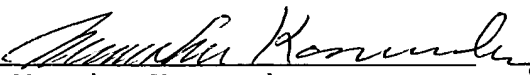
Claim 6 was rejected in paragraph 2 but was allowed in paragraph 3. Since the condition of claim 6 was inconsistent, the undersigned agent had a telephone interview with the Examiner. As a result, it was informed that claim 6 would be allowable as stated in paragraph 3 of the final Action.

In view of the rejection and indication of allowance, claim 6 has been canceled, and the subject matter of canceled claim 6 has been incorporated into claim 1. Also, claims 8 and 13 have been amended to independent form.

It is, therefore, believed that claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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